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Manager's Newsletter

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Agenda Items for March 7th
Town Council Meeting

6:00 P.M.,
Kitty Hawk Town Hall

- Public Input regarding a proposal to allow Beach Driving from Starfish Lane, south to the Kill Devil Hills line.
- Proposal to amend Town Code with standards for riding and keeping horses and setbacks for horse shelters and enclosures
- Zoning Amendment to rezone four parcels at 4907, 4911, 4915 and 4919 Putter Lane (located in the 4900 block of N. Croatan Highway) from Beach Residential to Beach Commercial
- Consideration of a Conditional Use Permit to establish an open air farmers' market and a variety of retail uses within the existing Foreman's Lumber property at 4100 N. Croatan Highway.

Beach Driving Proposal – PUBLIC INPUT REQUESTED

At their January 25th meeting, the Kitty Hawk Recreation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that Town Council consider a proposal to allow beach driving from Starfish Lane, south to the Kill Devil Hills town line, from October 1st through April 30th. The area encompasses about 1.5 miles of beach, with a single vehicular access at the Kitty Hawk Bath House. The committee also recommended adoption of beach driving regulations currently in effect in Kill Devil Hills. The proposal offers a link from Kitty Hawk to Kill Devil Hills for beach driving, and could help to alleviate parking shortages in southern Kitty Hawk during the shoulder seasons. At their February 7th Council meeting, the Town Council requested that the staff evaluate the proposal, and agreed to place the item on the **March 7th** Council agenda. The public will have the opportunity to comment.

Public Meeting - Wednesday, March 16th, 2011

Flooding and Storm Water Drainage

The Town of Kitty Hawk is inviting residents to attend a Public meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Kitty Hawk Town Hall, 101 Veterans Memorial Drive for the purpose of providing input on past flooding problems on their streets or in their neighborhoods. The Town has contracted with Albemarle and Associates for the purpose of conducting a Storm Drainage Study. Albemarle and Associates and Town staff will be on hand to listen to persons affected by past storms that have created drainage problems in their neighborhood.

If any citizen or property owner is not able to attend the meeting on March 16, 2011, they can submit their comments to John Stockton, Town Manager, PO Box 549, Kitty Hawk, NC 27949; jstockton@kittyhawktown.net. To access a comment form, that can be completed and returned to the Town, please click here: [Storm Drainage Questionnaire](#)

Mid-Currituck Bridge Update

The North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA) has selected a Preferred Alternative for its Mid-Currituck Bridge project. The Preferred Alternative was selected taking into account cost and design considerations, travel benefits, minimization of natural resources and community impacts, comments and suggestions from environmental, regulatory and resource agencies, as well as input from the public.

The 7-mile-long project is expected to reduce travel time and congestion, and provide an alternative hurricane evacuation route for the northern Outer Banks. Preliminary project costs are estimated at \$660 million. The project is anticipated to be financed through a combination of state appropriation bonds, toll revenue bonds, and private equity. Since the close of the formal Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) comment period in June 2010, NCTA has been working with environmental resource and regulatory agencies to resolve key concerns associated with the Mid-Currituck Bridge.

The Preferred Alternative selected by NCTA has been refined since it was included in the DEIS in order to address comments and concerns expressed by environmental resource and regulatory agencies, residents, homeowners, and other stakeholders. These refinements include:

- Widening only certain stretches of N.C. 12 to reduce community impacts. Four-lane widening would occur approximately from Devils Bay to North Harbor View Drive, Monterey Drive to Crown Point Circle and Sand Fiddler Circle to Marlin Way.
- Constructing roundabouts on N.C. 12 at the bridge landing and Currituck Clubhouse Drive so that N.C. 12 traffic does not have to stop. Keeping traffic moving through these intersections on summer weekends reduces the potential for back-ups and the need for additional four-lane widening on N.C. 12.
- Relocating the northern (C1) corridor bridge landing on the Outer Banks to reduce community and wetland impacts.
- In addition a short third west bound lane would be added on US 158 in Kitty Hawk from Cypress Knee Trail to 450 feet west of Duck Woods Drive.

Next Steps

NCTA is continuing to work with environmental resource and regulatory agencies to minimize the impacts of in-water construction work, implement storm water management efforts and mitigate the bridge's shading of submerged aquatic vegetation (an important fish habitat). These concerns will need to be resolved in order for the agencies to issue the environmental permits needed to build the bridge project.

NCTA is also proceeding with completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement, expected in Summer 2011. It would be followed by a Record of Decision, which is expected in Fall 2011. The project is scheduled to open to traffic 2016.

Excerpted from the Mid-Currituck Bridge Project Preferred Alternative Newsletter. For more information visit www.ncturnpike.org/projects/Mid_Currituck . To read complete Newsletter click on: [Mid-Currituck Bridge Preferred Alternative Newsletter](#)

Kitty Hawk Fire Department Information

Kitty Hawk Fire Department is Looking for Volunteers

“THE NATURE OF THE BUSINESS”

A Picture of What It's Like to Volunteer in the Fire Service

The fire and rescue service is one of the most diverse and challenging professions today. It is the diversity that inspires most men and women to enter the service—both as volunteers and career employees. Imagine having **to train to prepare yourself to cope with situations which range from structure fires to childbirth to hazardous chemical spills to heart attacks**, and almost any imaginable emergency situation in between. This diversity is coupled with the fact that these skills may be needed at any time of the day, seven days a week, in any kind of weather and very often under potentially stressful and emotional circumstances. These challenges contribute to our profession being personally rewarding.

As a volunteer, you are here for two basic purposes:

1. **To prevent fires or medical emergencies from occurring.** This is achieved through fire prevention, health maintenance education, inspections, fire safety education, and code enforcement programs.
2. **To prepare to control fire or medical emergencies**, should prevention fail. This is done through education, training, pre-incident planning, more training, state-of-the-art equipment, and more training. We are a paramilitary profession working in a “hurry up and wait” environment.

This business is not for everyone. You not only need a desire to help people, - you need:

- **courage and dedication**
- **assertiveness**
- **a willingness to learn new skills**
- **a desire to face new challenges**
- **time for training sessions, meetings, emergency calls, maintenance of equipment, and other duties.**

The fire and rescue service is not for the meek or timid or for those who lose control during times of crises. Our service is one which calls on its members to perform hot, sweaty, dirty, and strenuous work, often in uncertain and hazardous environments.

The personal rewards and satisfaction received from the fire and rescue service are often beyond description. You will gain valuable skills and training as well as have a sense of accomplishment after controlling a building fire, joy and elation when a child is born, compassion for accident victims, and fulfillment in teaching fire safety. This list goes on and on.

The bottom line in our business is measured by the prevention and reduction of loss of life, pain and suffering, and property damage. We are here and prepared for one reason, and that is to provide service to the people. That is why we chose to be in the Fire Service.

If you feel you have what it takes to meet the challenges of our business, we welcome you to join us. Please call 252-261-2666 and ask what it takes to volunteer with Kitty Hawk Fire Department.

Fire Department Calls **February 2011**

During the month of February 2011, there were 28 calls for emergency service. The breakdown is as follows:

Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1
Grass fire	1
Outside storage fire	1
Medical Calls	17
Motor vehicle accidents	4
Vehicle accident with injuries – 2	
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries – 2	
Lock-out	1
Water problem, other	1
Unauthorized burning	1
False alarm or false call	1

Planning and Inspections Information

February 2011 Building Permits Report

The Town's Planning and Inspections Department issued twenty five (25) building permits totaling, \$341,312.00 in February 2011. Eight (8) commercial permits were issued valued at \$22,725.00. Seventeen (17) residential building permits were issued, valued at \$318,587.00. The full report for February can be viewed at the [Monthly Building Permit Report](#) found on the Town Website.

Code Enforcement Report for February 2011

<u>CODE VIOLATIONS</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Notice of Violations Issued		
Civil Citations Issued		
Land Disturbance Activity	1	
Public Nuisance		
Abandon/Junk Vehicles	2	
Right of Way Encroachments		
Lighting Violations	1	
Site Plan Violations	3	
No Building Permit	1	
Home Occupations		
Signs	3	
Noise Violations		
TOTALS	11	
<u>CAMA PERMITS</u>		
Minor Permits	1	
Exemption Letters		
Beach Push Permits	3	
CAMA Violations Issued		
TOTALS	4	
<u>BANNER PERMITS</u>	2	
<u>OUTDOOR GATHERING</u>	1	
<u>FIRE INSPECTIONS</u>		
Assembly	3	6 Violations
Business	2	0- Violations
Mercantile	4	3-Violations
Educational		
Residential		
Industrial		

<u>CODE VIOLATIONS</u>	Number	Notes
Manufacturing		
Hood System		
Storage	1	0 Violations
Sprinkler Systems		
Tent		
Re-inspections		
First	5	21 Violations Corrected 3 Violations not Corrected
Second		
Third		
TOTALS	15	
Pre-Plans	10	

Opportunities for Participation

Town Council Meeting

- Monday, March 7, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Storm Water Drainage – Public Meeting

- Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Please Note March 17th Planning Board Meeting Has Been Cancelled

(All Meetings to be held at Kitty Hawk Town Hall unless otherwise noted.)